THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNA-CHALAM): (a) and (b) M/s. Asian Vehicle Industries Ltd, have applied for industrial licence and financial and technical collaboration with M/s. V/O Auto-export Moscow for the manufacture of passenger cars in units to be set up both in Domestic Tariff Area as well as in Export Processing Zone. The proposal envisages equity participation by the Soviet Collaborators upto 30 per cent.

Permission to sick companies to sell surplus land

2924. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board of Industrial Finance and Reconstruction has recommended to Government to permit sick companies to sell surplus land with them; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNA-CHALAM): (a) and (b) The authority to grant permission for sale of surplus land is the concerned State Government and as such BIFR making a recommendation in this regard to the Central Government does not arise. The Board has been urging the State Governments to formulate policy packages including for sale of surplus land for rehabilitation of sick industrial units.

Interest of foreign countries to import two wheeler scooters and Motor. cycles from India

2925. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of countries have shown interest in the import of two wheeler scooters and motor cycles from India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNA-CHALAM): (a) and (b) The exports of two wheelers including scooters and motor-cycles have risen from Rs. 2.88 crores in the year 1985-86 to Rs. 7 crores during 1987-88 as per the provisional estimates of Engineering Export Promotion Council. Exports of these vehicles have been to various countries such as Japan, Nepal, Singapore, Australia, Sweden, U.K., Holland, Newsea-land, Belgium, West Germany, Tanzania, Oman, Doha, Costa Rica, Egypt, Dubai, Sudan, Bangladesh, Ivory Coast, Mauritius, Hongkong, Nicaragua,, Turkey and Switzerland.

(o) Government has been encouraging the two wheeler manufacturers in the country for establishing new overseas mar-ekts for exports of the vehicles.

Agencies entrusted for fresh drilling in Krishna-Godavari Basin

2926. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 400 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1988 and state;

(a) what are the agencies which have been entrusted with the task of fresh drilling in Krishna-Godavari basins- and

(b) whether the output through earlier drilling has been put for the commercial use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) ONGC is carrying out exploratory drilling in Krialuia-Gouuvari basin. Some foreign oil companies are also expected to start exploratory drilling in this basin in 1989.

(b) Oil is being produced through Early Production System (ERS) from Kaikalur prospect since January, 1987 and is being taken to the refinery at Visakhapatnam. Another offshore prospect GS-16 (Ravva) is also planned to be put on EPS by the middle of 1989.

Gas produced onsacire is at present being supplied to three consumers, name-lyi, M/s. Andhra Sugars, Tanuku; M/s. Gowethmi Solvents Ltd., Tanuku; M/s. Delia Paper Mill, Bhimavaram.

देश में लैटर बाक्सों की संख्या

2927. **श्री रामनरेश यादव** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि मार्च, 1988 के अन्त तक पूरे देश में कितने लैटर बाक्स लगाए जा चुके थ; इस संबंध में राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है; और गांवों में लैटर बाक्स लगाए जाने के संबंध में सरकार की क्या नीति है और सभी गांवो में यह सुविधा कब तक उपलब्ध करा दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगी) : प्रत्येक डाक सर्किल में लगाए गए लैटर बाक्सों की संख्या संलग्न विवरण–1 में दर्शाई गई है (नीचे देखिये) ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में लैटर बाक्स लगाने के लिए अपनाए गए मानदंड संलग्न विवरण–2 में दिए गए हैं। (नीचे देखिये) निर्दिष्ट मानदंडों के अनुसार गांवों में लैटर बाक्स चरणबद्ध रूप में प्रदान किए जाते हैं। इस संबंध में 1988–89 के दौरान 5,000 अतिरिक्त गांवों और 1989–90 के दौरान 20,000 अतिरिक्त गांवों में लैटर बाक्स लगाने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है।

विवरण–1

लैटर बाक्सों की संख्या (31–3–1988 के स्थिति के अनुसार)

सर्किल	लैटर बाक्सों की संख्या
1. आंध्र प्रदेश	43,623
2. बिहार	32,537
3. दिल्ली	2,752
4. गुजरात	26,552
5. हरियाणा	7,128
6. हिमाचल प्रदेश	6,607
7. जम्मू एवं कश्मीर	3,255
8. कर्नाटक	25,704
9. केरल	17,922
10. महाराष्ट्र	43,178
11. मध्य प्रदेश	36,858
12. उत्तर पूर्व	18,269
13. उड़ीसा	21,117
14. पंजाब	15,007
15. राजस्थान	24,606
16. तमिलनाडु	55,921
17. उत्तर प्रदेश	61,932
18. पश्चिम बंगाल	38,789
योग	4,81,757

विवरण–2

ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में लैटर बाक्स लगाने संबंधी मानदंड

(1) 500 और इससे अधिक आबादी वाले ग्राम लैटर बाक्स की सुविधा पाने के पात्र होंगे ।

(2) 500 से कम आबादी वाले ग्रामों में यह सुविधा वहां की आवश्यकतानुसार निम्नलिखित मानदंडों के आधार पर प्रदान की जाएगी :–

(क) जहां नजदीकी लैटर बाक्स 1 कि० मी० से दूर हो ; और

(ख) जहां प्रति-दिन एक पत्र पोस्ट किए जाने की संभावना हो ।